GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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COMMERCIAL CULTIVATION OF BT COTTON
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether this Ministry has not been consulted by the Ministry of Environment while granting clearance for commercial cultivation of Bt Cotton; and

(b) if so, the objection raised by his Ministry in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) : Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) under the Ministry of Environment and Forests had sent to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare the reports of the studies conducted on BT cotton in Indian conditions for comments.The National Institute of Nutrition, which is under the ICMR had examined these studies.The Ministry of Health & FW have furnished its comments on the said report to GEAC.